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Cycle A for Sundays and Solemnities
Year 1 for Weekdays

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Weekend 13th / 14th May 2023

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 13/05 6pm	Battle	The Sixth Sunday of Easter	No Intention
Sunday 14/05 9am	Northiam		In memory of Eve, RIP
Sunday 14/05 10.45am	Battle		People of the Parish
Monday 15/05	NO MASS		
Tuesday 16/05 6pm	Battle	Tuesday of the Sixth Week of Eastertide	No Intention
Wednesday 17/05 10am	Battle	Wednesday of Sixth Week of Eastertide	Jack & Ruth Parsons, RIP
Thursday 18/05 10am	Battle	The Ascension of the Lord (Holy day of Obligation)	No Intention
Thursday 18/05 7pm	Northiam		No Intention
Friday 19/05 10am	Battle	Friday of the Sixth Week of Eastertide	Alfred Robertson, RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation available after all Masses and upon Request

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for Seventh Sunday of Easter:

- **First Reading: Acts 1:12-14**

Jesus' disciples were known as "apostles", a word that means sent on a mission.

- **Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16**

St Peter tells us that it is a glorious thing to bear the name "Christian".

- **Gospel: John 17:1-11**

Jesus hands on his mission and prays for those to whom it has been entrusted.

We pray for the Sick and Housebound Members of our Community:

From Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael: Margaret Thunder, Stephen Bould, Pauline Fraser, Michael Conroy, Sheila Lilley, Madeleine Salter, Gretta Johnson, Ruth Ayres, Helen Powell, Tom Dodd, Dilys Fraser, Suzanne McAdie, Hazel & Helena Lobo, Keith Bourne.

From St Teresa's: Christine Mooney, June Nottage, Maureen Webster, Brian O'Connell, Eileen O'Shaughnessy, Margot Leahy, Jacquelyn Solly, Lawrence Youtlen.

Prayer Intentions - please remember the following people in your prayers this week:

Una Wade, Frances Cresswell, Guy Hooper, Judith Bridge, Maureen Ashing, Henry Cheung RIP, Gerard Leahy, Mark Clemence RIP, Richard Widenka RIP, Jo Watkins.

- If you used to receive a visit from one of our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (Special Ministers), please contact the office on 01424 773125 if you would like these visits to recommence, with a Minister or with Fr Richard direct on 07578 725914 or email battle@abdiocese.org.uk.
- Fr Richard is happy to receive Mass Intentions, please pop them in the new letter box outside the office, or let Maggie know on 773125, e-mail battle@abdiocese.org.uk, thank you.
- If you wish to follow a live Mass please follow this link from our Diocesan website <https://abdiocese.org.uk/livestream> or via <https://www.churchservices.tv/>

Bring and buy sale in support of Rwanda Action

Cakes, plants and handmade greetings cards from Rwanda

Rwanda Action

The Old Cottage, Mackerel Hill,
Peasmarsh TN31 6TB

**Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th May
10 am - 4 pm**

We would love to see you! David and Sally Chaplin



- **Battle Foodbank** – Foodbank needs this week are Tins of Spaghetti; Tins of Fruit; Jars of Pasta Sauce; Jars of Peanut Butter; Jars of Marmite; Cartons of Orange or Apple Juice and Cartons of UHT Milk Whole, Skimmed or Semi Skimmed. Thank you so much whatever we receive is much appreciated.
- **Volunteers needed please:** we are looking for volunteers to help set up before Mass on a Sunday morning. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the Church if you can help, thank you.

- **The amount donated for Lima, Peru** in March from the Parishioners of St Teresa's came to £56.47 and the grand total since 1999 is £18,936.23. Lima is a large shanty town Parish called Our Lady of the Missions run by Fr Edward O'Connell. The money donated helps him to build Churches, schools and community centres in these poor and deprived areas.
- **CAFOD: Did you know** that Church teaching says that we should not only support those in poverty but also tackle the root causes of poverty? Pope Benedict XVI said that "Love — caritas — is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace." For decades CAFOD has spoken out against injustice. To find out more and get involved in tackling the root causes of poverty, please go to cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns. Thanks once again for your support in encouraging your parishioners to remember our global family.
- The office is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 9.30am – 12.30pm.
- Fr Richard and the Parish Pastoral Team send all parishioners their prayers and good wishes.

News from our Diocese

The Diocese is recruiting a part time Safeguarding Administrator based at The St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley. The successful post holder will process Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks for diocesan parishes, volunteers and teams with full training given. For an informal discussion about the role please contact the Safeguarding Office Manager, Bethany Arthur; T: 01293 651148 or E: safeguarding@abdiocese.org.uk. For further details and to apply visit W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/soa. The deadline for applications is 19 May 2023.

The Diocese is recruiting a part time Senior Administrator for the diocesan Tribunal, based at The St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley. The Tribunal team handles marriage cases, including supporting those seeking marriage annulment. The successful post holder will report to the Judicial Vicar and must have excellent interpersonal skills and a pastoral approach. Role begins 1 September 2023. For further details about the role or to apply visit W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/sat. The deadline for applications is 12 noon on Friday 26 May 2023. Interviews will take place Tuesday 6 June 2023.

Diocesan run events

- **The ASCENT for young people (15-18) – Tuesday 23 May at 7.30pm**
This brilliant programme for teens includes regular retreats at Worth Abbey and a great opportunity for them to make wonderful Catholic friends to provide mutual support as they strive to live out their faith. This is an online session hosted by the Diocesan Youth Adviser for anyone who would like to find out more.
E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for details.
- **Mental Health Champions**
Our Parish communities should be places of comfort and solace for the troubled and weary, and in today's society, one of the great struggles people face is mental ill health. Would you like to support mental wellbeing in your Parish, ensuring that it reaches out to those in need? Contact lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk to find out more about the upcoming Mental Health Champion training days.
- **Grandparents Pilgrimage to West Grinstead – Wednesday 14 June 2023 11am - 3pm.**
Bishop Richard looks forward to meeting all those of a more senior generation at our annual

pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation at West Grinstead. Please bring your friends and a picnic for what is always a wonderful day of faith, friendship and recollection. For further information and to book, please go to the Diocesan website event calendar or click on the link : [Grandparents Pilgrimage to West Grinstead \(14-Jun-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) Poster attached.

➤ **Engaged Couples Mass at Arundel Cathedral – Friday 16 June 7pm**

Join Bishop Richard for a special Mass celebrating the momentous journey of discernment that is engagement towards the lifelong commitment made by couples preparing for marriage. Join us afterwards for a small drinks reception in the Cathedral Centre. We look forward to meeting many engaged couples from across the Diocese and sharing in their joy. For further information and to book, please go to the Diocesan website event calendar or click on the link [Mass for Engaged Couples \(16-Jun-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) Poster attached.

- To find out about and book events hosted by the Diocese please visit our website events calendar W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

Externally run events/items

- **SJOG Homes for Ukraine is seeking hosts** to open their homes to individuals and families displaced by the ongoing war in Ukraine. As an official provider of the government programme, SJOG Homes for Ukraine provides matching, training and ongoing support to hosts and guests. This can be an opportunity for you to change someone's life and provide them with a safe place. If you are interested in becoming a host, you can register your interest here W: <https://forms.office.com/r/DFYUneZ7nC>. For more information about the project please visit our website at W: <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/>, reach out to us directly on E: homesforukraine@sjog.org.uk or visit our Facebook page at F: facebook.com/sjoghomesforukraine.

➤ **Chilworth Abbey Study Day – Saturday 3 June 2023**

Led by Fr John Seddon OSB, of Bishop Barron's 'Catholicism', Episode 10, 'World without End: the Last things'. Mass, 9am, talks 10.15am-3.30pm. Bring a packed lunch and a friend if possible. See W: chilworthbenedictines.com for more details.

Vatican News

Coptic Pope addresses pilgrims at General Audience with Pope Francis

Pope Francis was joined at his weekly General Audience by Pope Tawadros II, the head of the Coptic Orthodox Church, for a special joint greeting to the faithful.

Pope Tawadros addressed the crowd gathered in St Peter's Square, the first time the head of another Church has done so.



Tawadros' greetings

"Beloved brother, His Holiness Pope

Francis," said Pope Tawadros, "Christ is risen, He is truly risen!"

The Coptic Orthodox leader recalled his last visit to St Peter's Square, ten years ago today. "I look at this place," he said, "and I go back in my memory to ten years ago, on this same date,

and I remember your dear affection in welcoming me, together with the delegation of the Coptic Church.”

Pope Tawadros recalled that, on that occasion, on 10 May 2013, he had suggested that the date be celebrated as a ‘Day of Coptic-Catholic Friendship’. Since then, he said, he and Pope Francis have spoken over the phone on that day every year.

The Coptic Orthodox leader went on to thank Francis for his visit to Egypt in 2017, recalling that the country – where his Church is based – has ancient Christian roots, and was the birthplace of monasticism.

“Despite the differences in our roots and affiliations,” he said, “we are united by the love of Christ who dwells within us, and the host of our Apostolic Fathers and saints which surrounds and guides us.”

Pope Francis’ response

“It is with great joy”, said Pope Francis in reply, “that I greet today His Holiness Tawadros II, Pope of Alexandria and Patriarch of the See of St Mark.”

“Dear friend and brother Tawadros,” he continued, “I thank you for accepting my invitation on this double anniversary, and I pray that the light of the Holy Spirit might illuminate your visit to Rome.”

“I thank you from the heart for your commitment to the growing friendship between the Coptic Orthodox Church and the Catholic Church,” added the Pope.

Laying aside his prepared remarks for a moment, he looked over to Pope Tawadros, joking that although the pair speak every year on the phone, “we remain good brothers, and we haven’t fought!”

Pope Francis concluded his address by speaking to the Coptic bishops and faithful gathered in St Peter’s Square.

“Together with you,” he said, “I implore Almighty God, that, through the intercession of the saints and martyrs of the Coptic Church, He might help us to grow in communion.”